

BY FORCE AND WITHOUT CONSENT:

A Five Year Overview of
Sexual Violence in South Carolina
2004 - 2008

Methodology

- The report used crime incident report data from SLED.
- The time frame was 2004 through 2008.
- Sexual violence included rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object and forcible fondling.

Sexual Violence Offenses

- Rape was the most frequently reported sexual violence offense, followed by forcible fondling.
- There were 9 murders associated with sexual violence from 2004 through 2008.
- Kidnapping was the additional offense most often reported along with sexual violence.

Sexual Violence – Time of Day

- Time of victimization varied by victim age.
- Adult victimization increased during the evening hours, peaked at midnight and decreased during the early morning hours.
- Child victimization occurred most often at midnight, but also peaked at 8:00 AM, Noon and 3:00 PM.

Victims of Sexual Violence

- Women and girls made up 86% of sexual violence victims, the victimization rate among females was 6 times the rate among males.
- Children comprised 63% of sexual violence victims, the child victimization was 5.5 times the adult rate.

Victims of Sexual Violence

- Girls from 15 to 17 years old had the highest victimization rate of any age/sex group.
- Although girls and young adult women had the highest victimization rates, boys were also an at risk population.

Victims of Sexual Violence

- 63% of sexual violence victims were White, however the victimization rate for Non-Whites was 11% higher than for Whites.
- 3% of sexual violence victims were Hispanic. The victimization rate among Non-Hispanics was 22% higher than the rate among Hispanics.

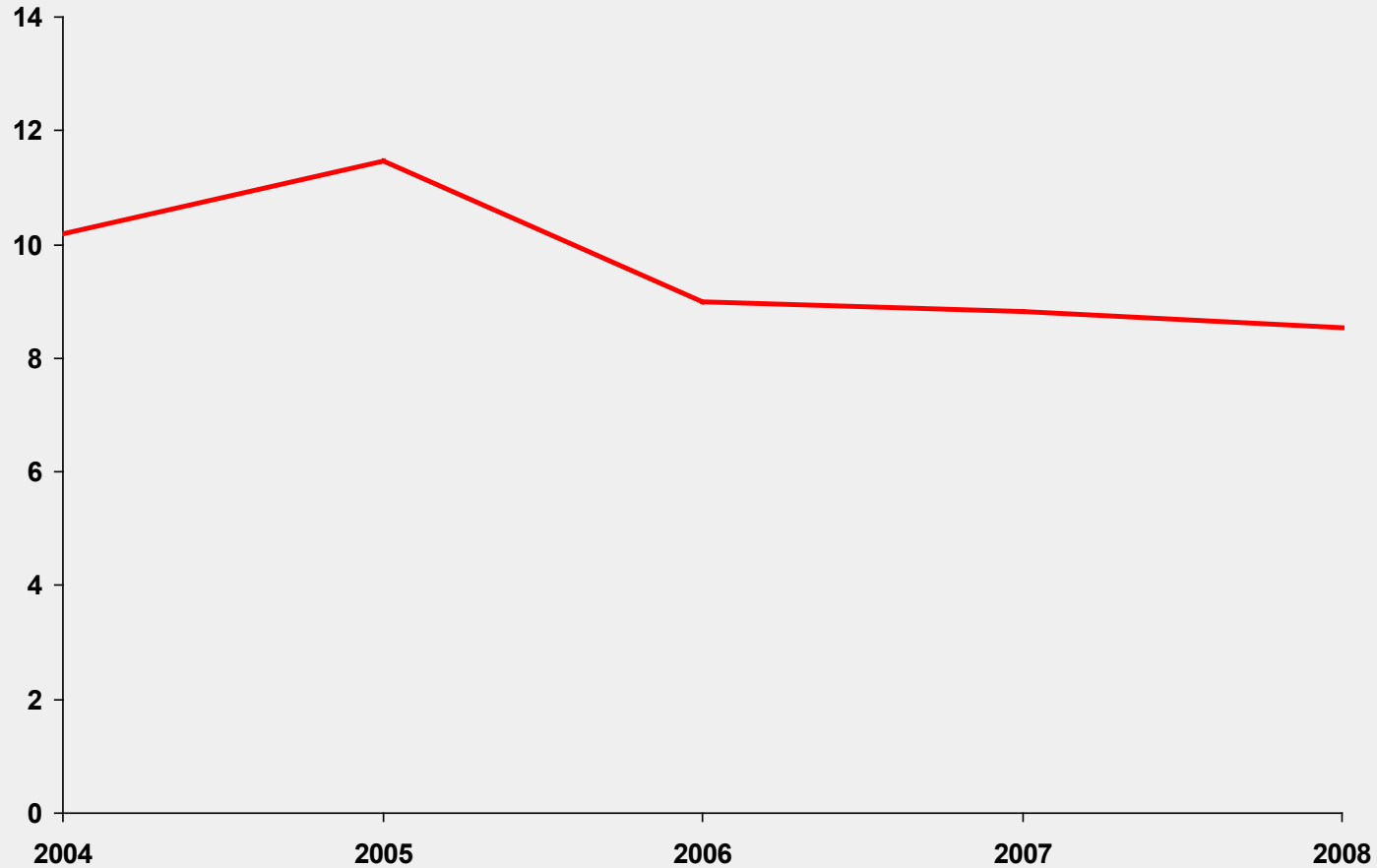
Victim/Offender Relationships

- Six victim/offender relationship categories were defined for this report: family, known, marital, romantic, strangers and unknown relationships.
- The leading category victim/offender relationship was known, followed by family, strangers, unknown relationships and marital.

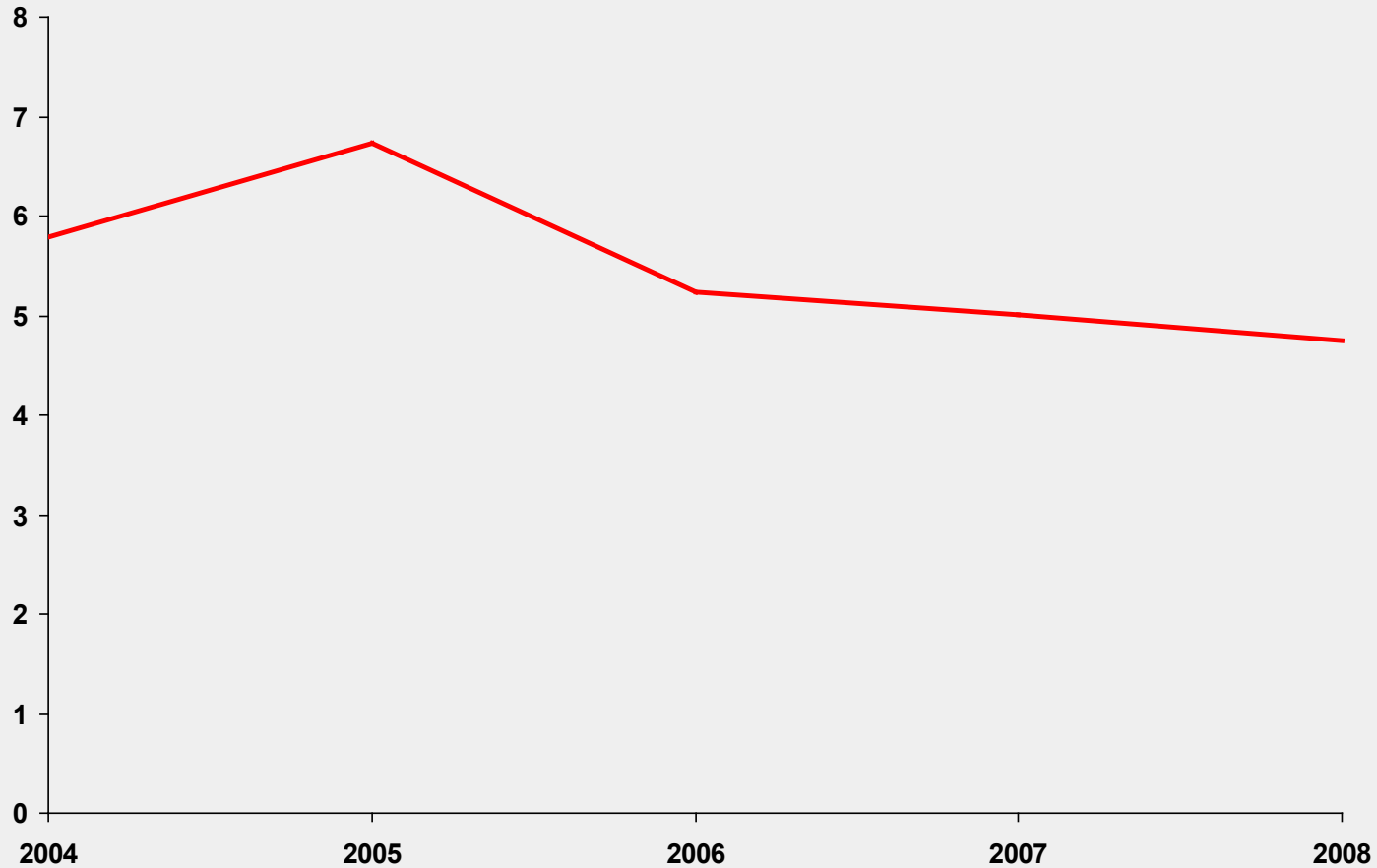
Victim/Offender Relationships & Victim Age

- Adults and children were most frequently victimized by someone they knew.
- Victimization by family members was the second most frequent situation among children, stranger victimization was infrequent.
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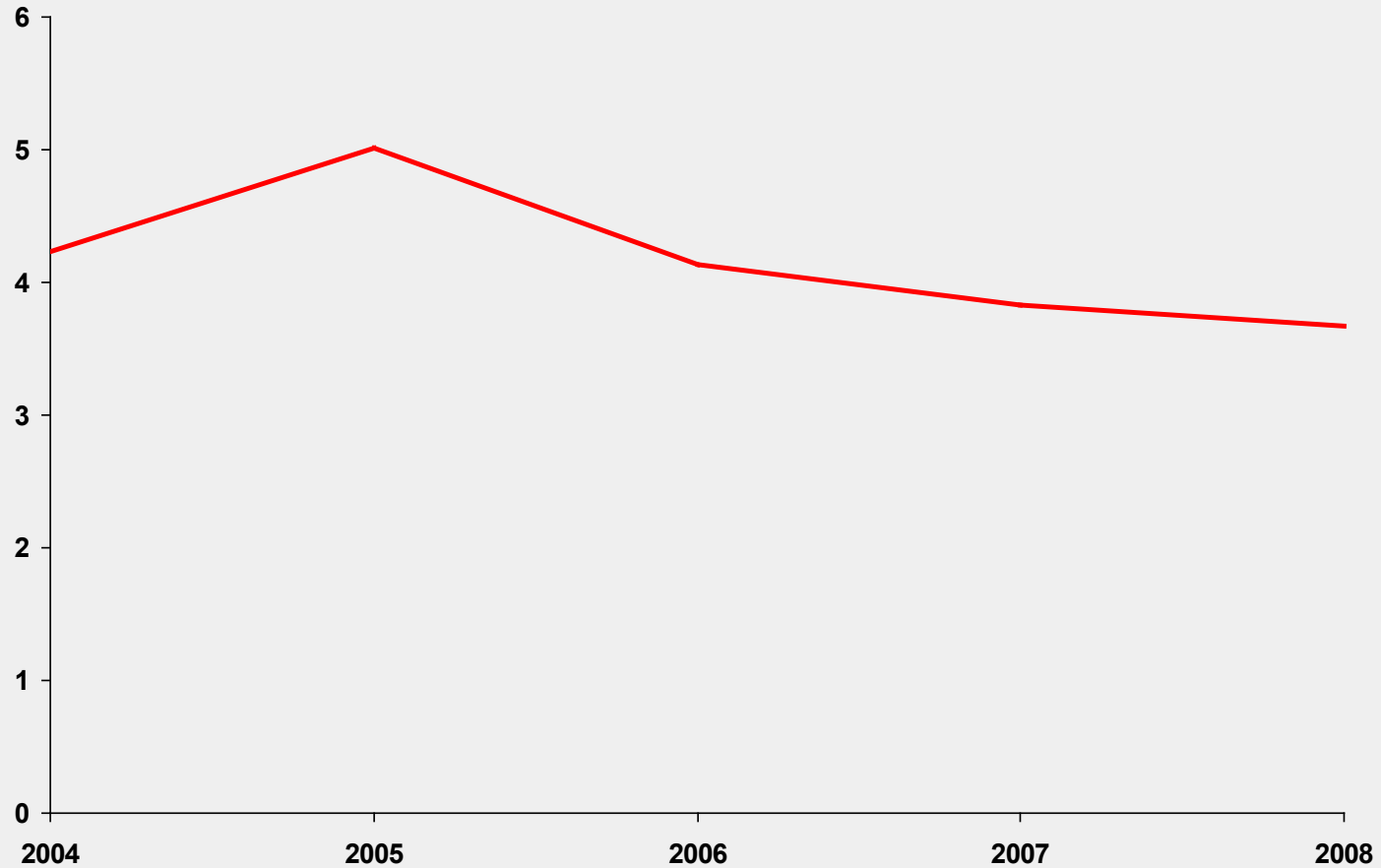
Sexual Violence Victimization Rate



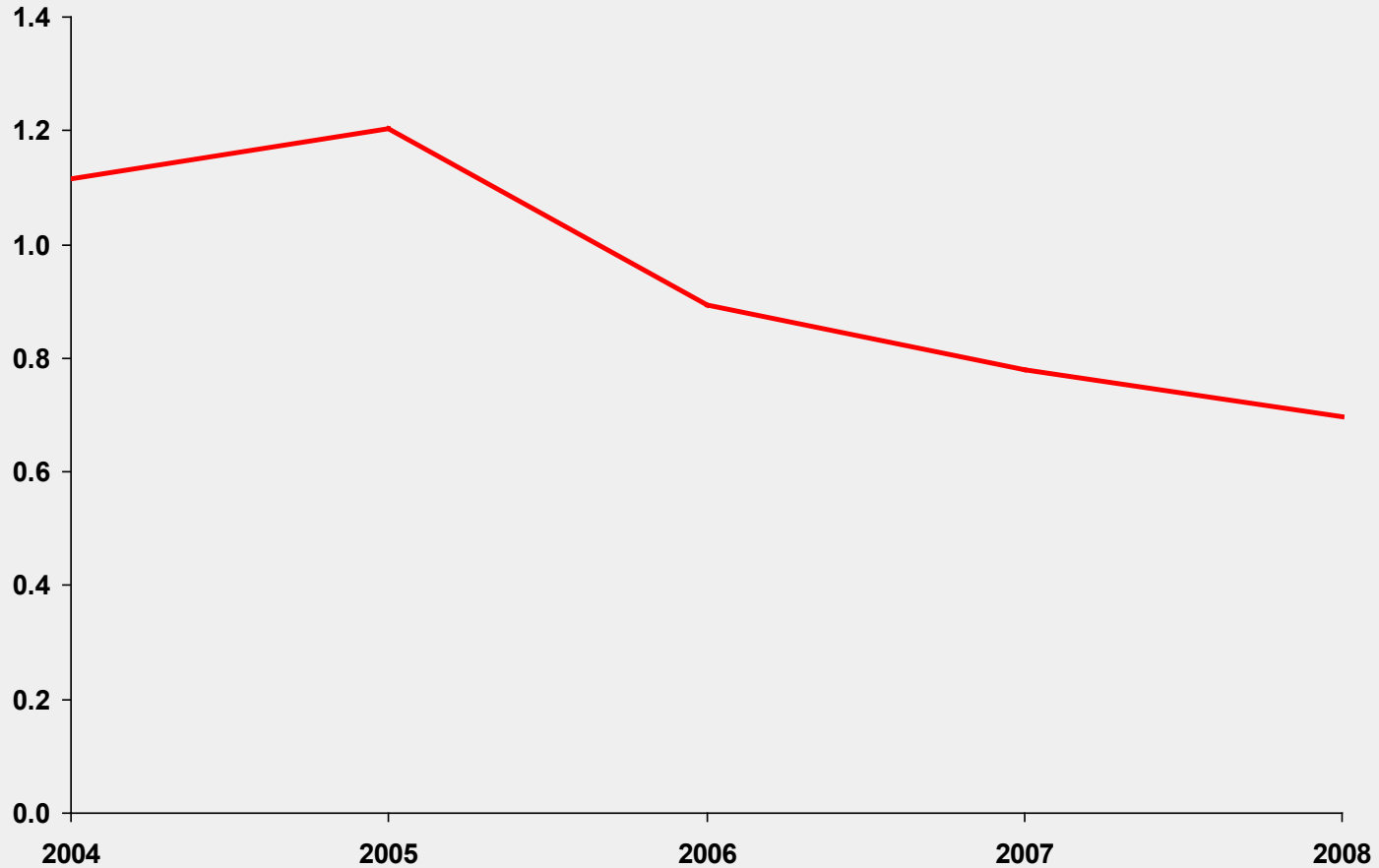
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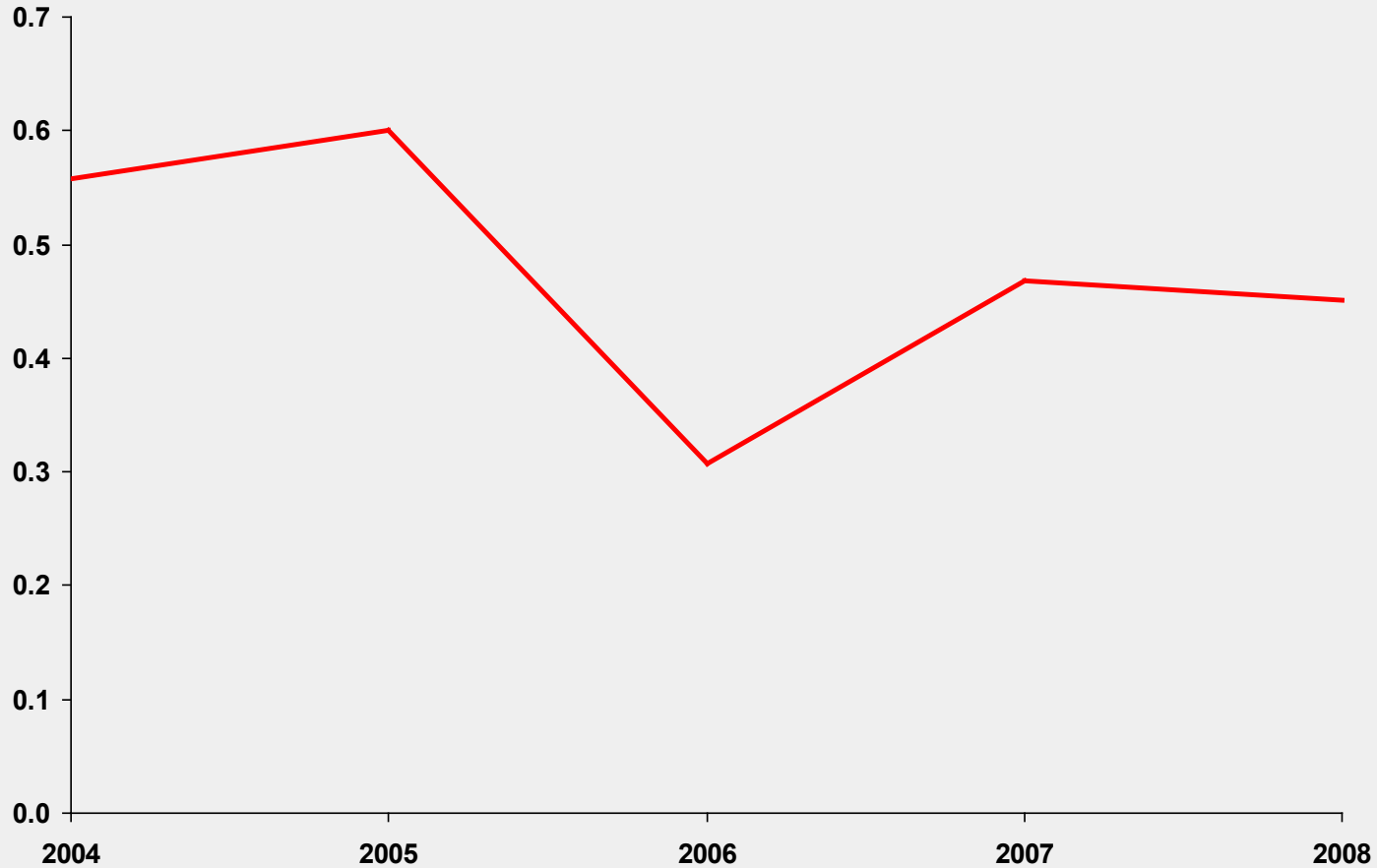
Rape Victimization Rate



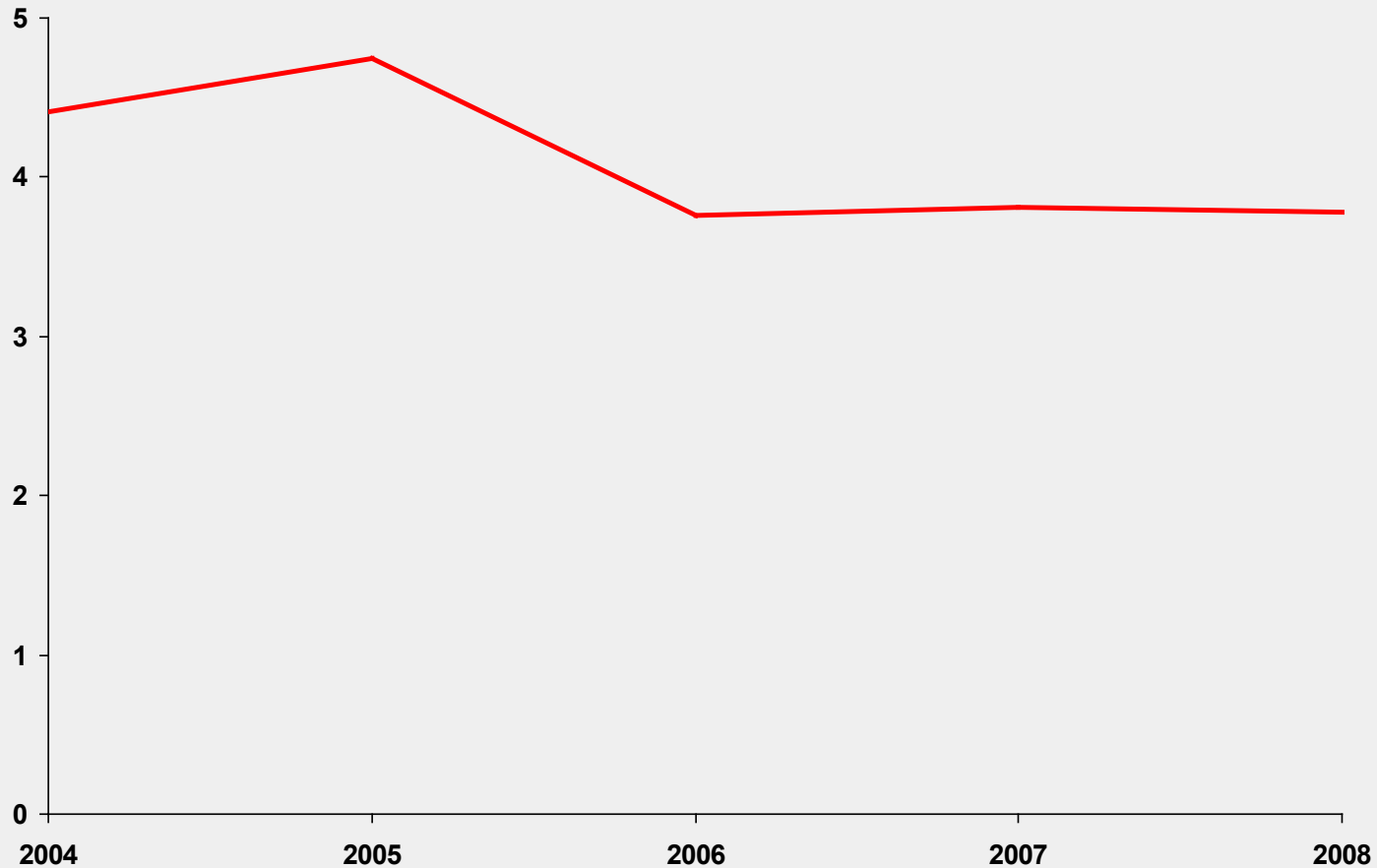
Forcible Sodomy Victimization Rate



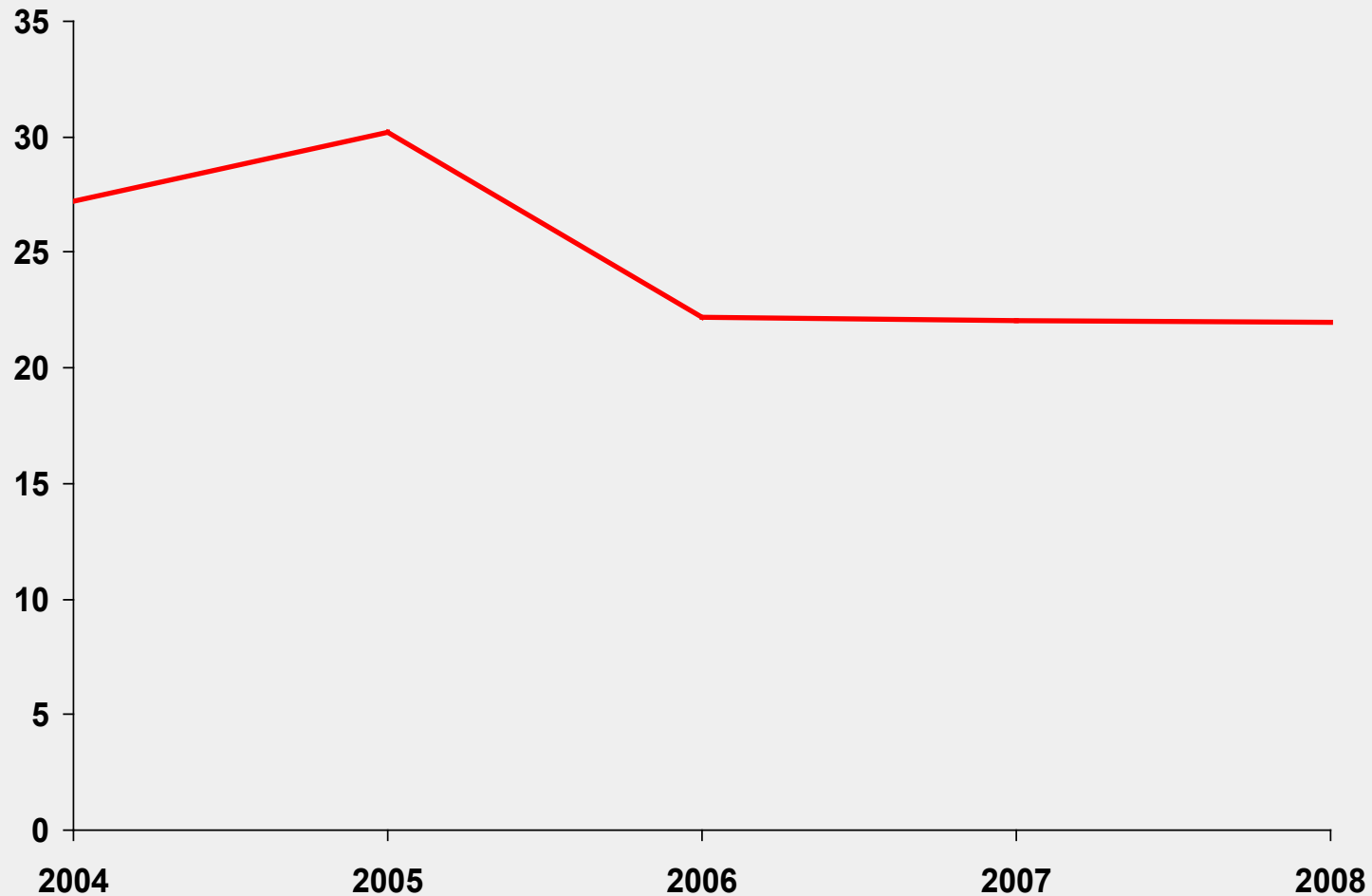
Sexual Assault w Object Victimization Rate



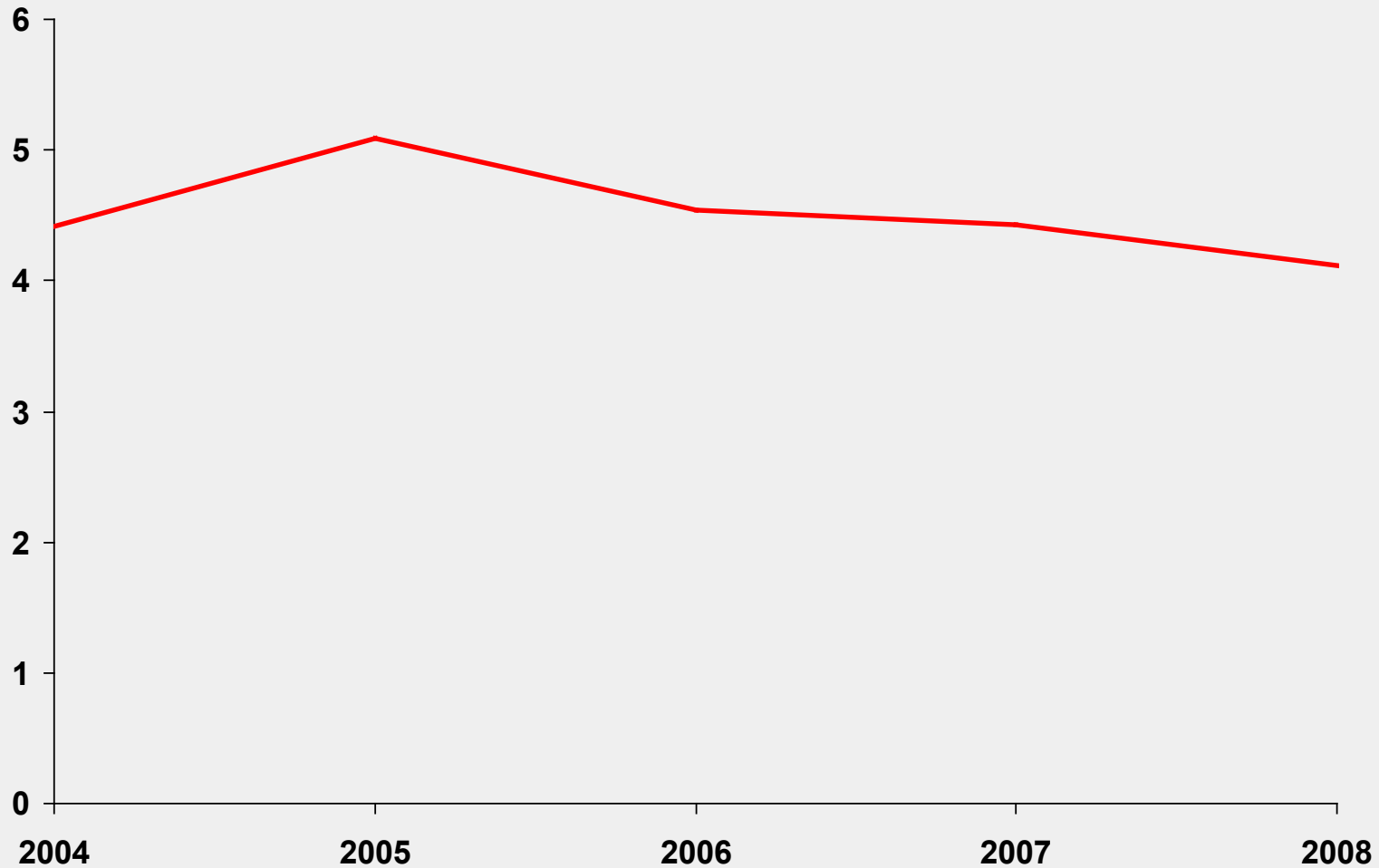
Forcible Fondling Victimization Rate



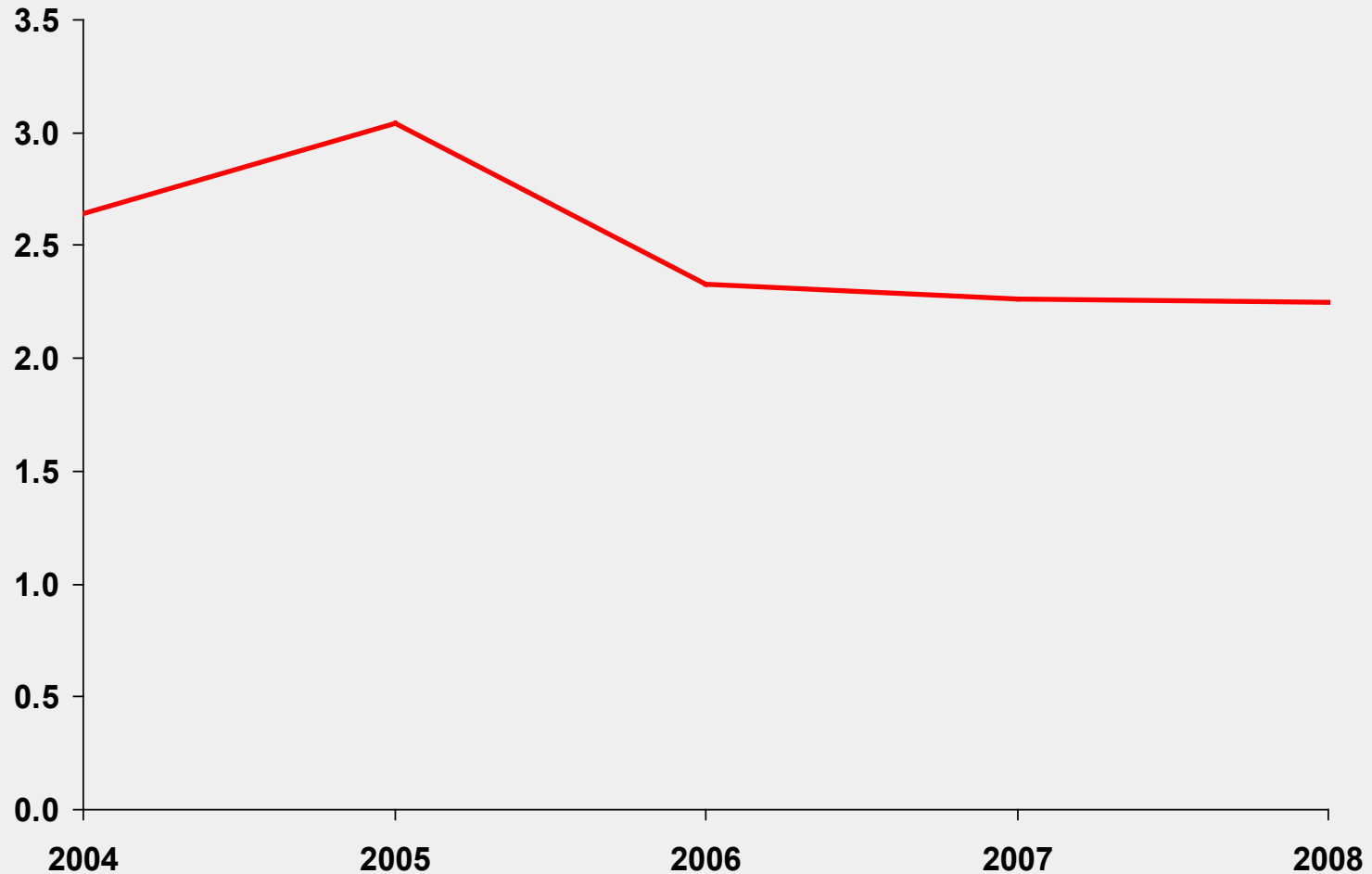
Sexual Violence Against Children Victimization Rate



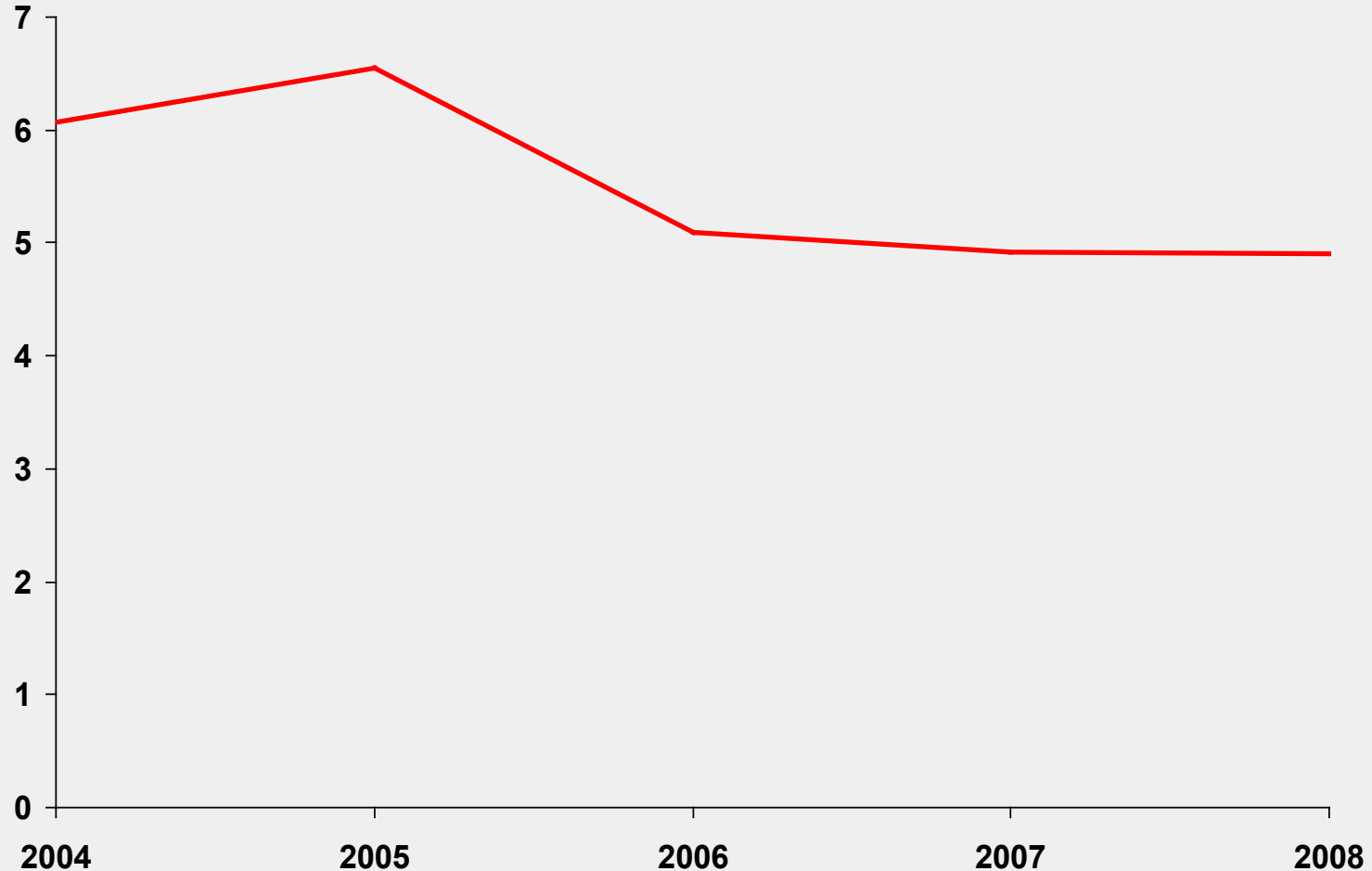
Sexual Violence Against Adults Victimization Rate



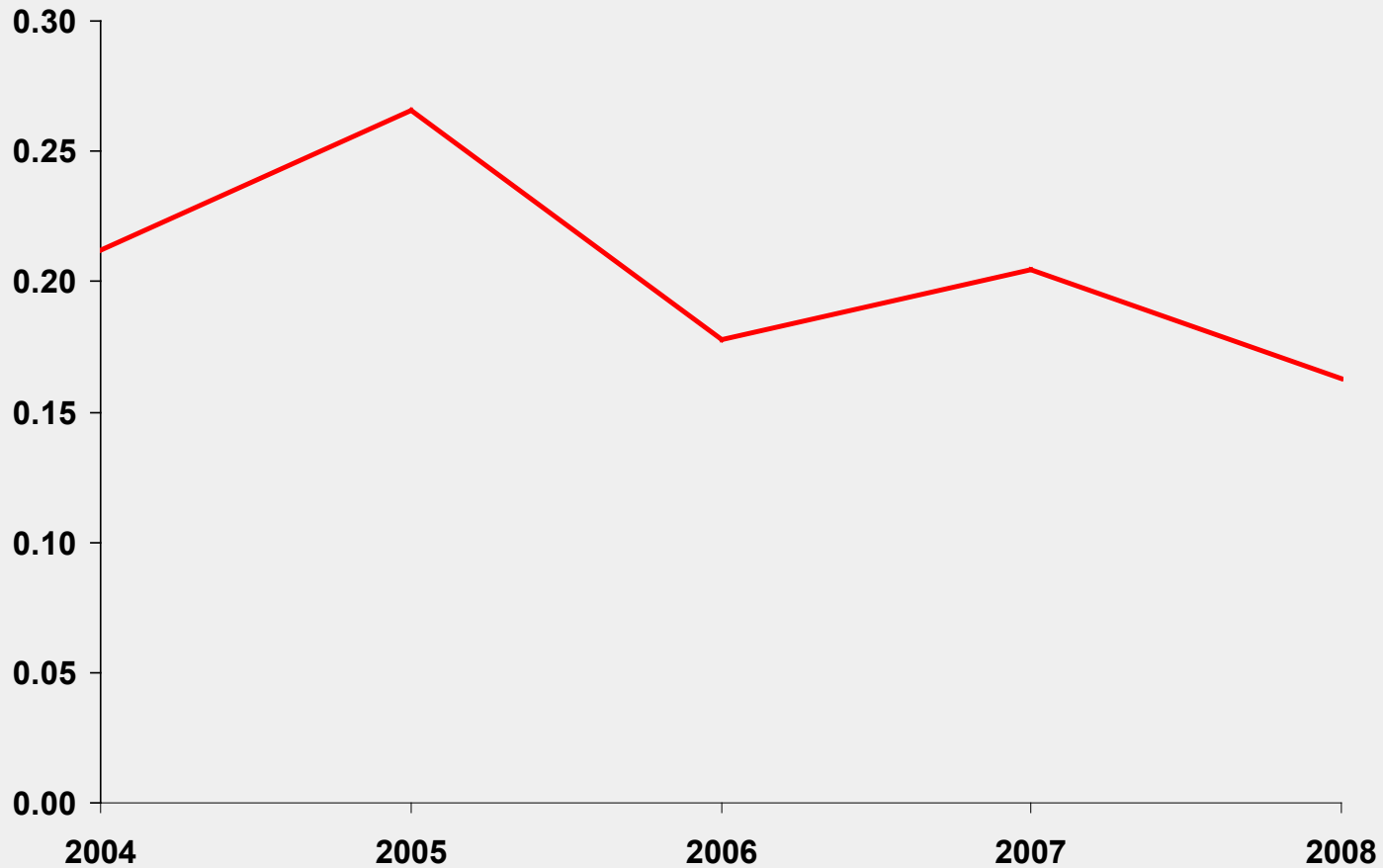
Family Sexual Violence Victimization Rate



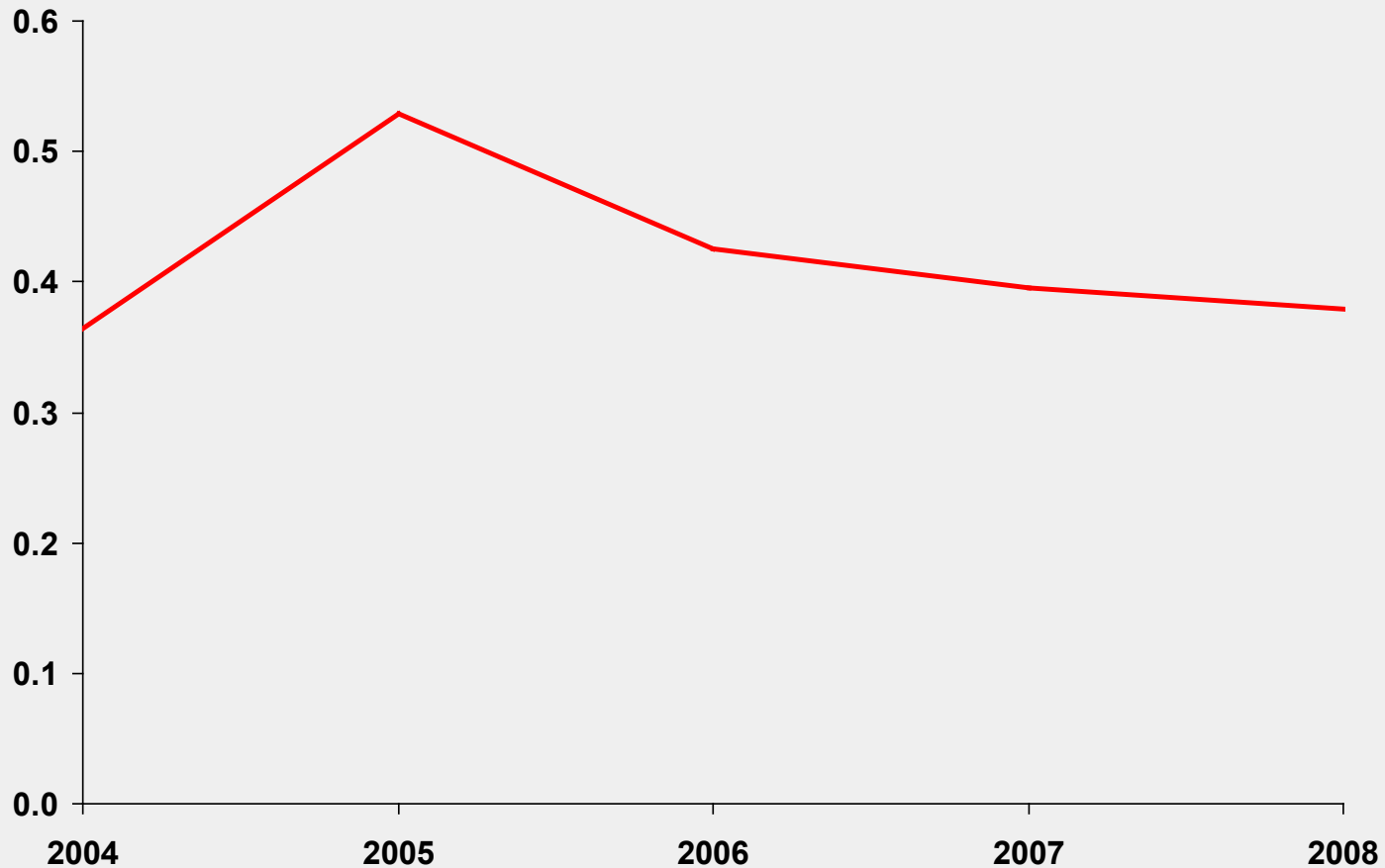
Known Victim/Offender Sexual Violence Victimization Rate



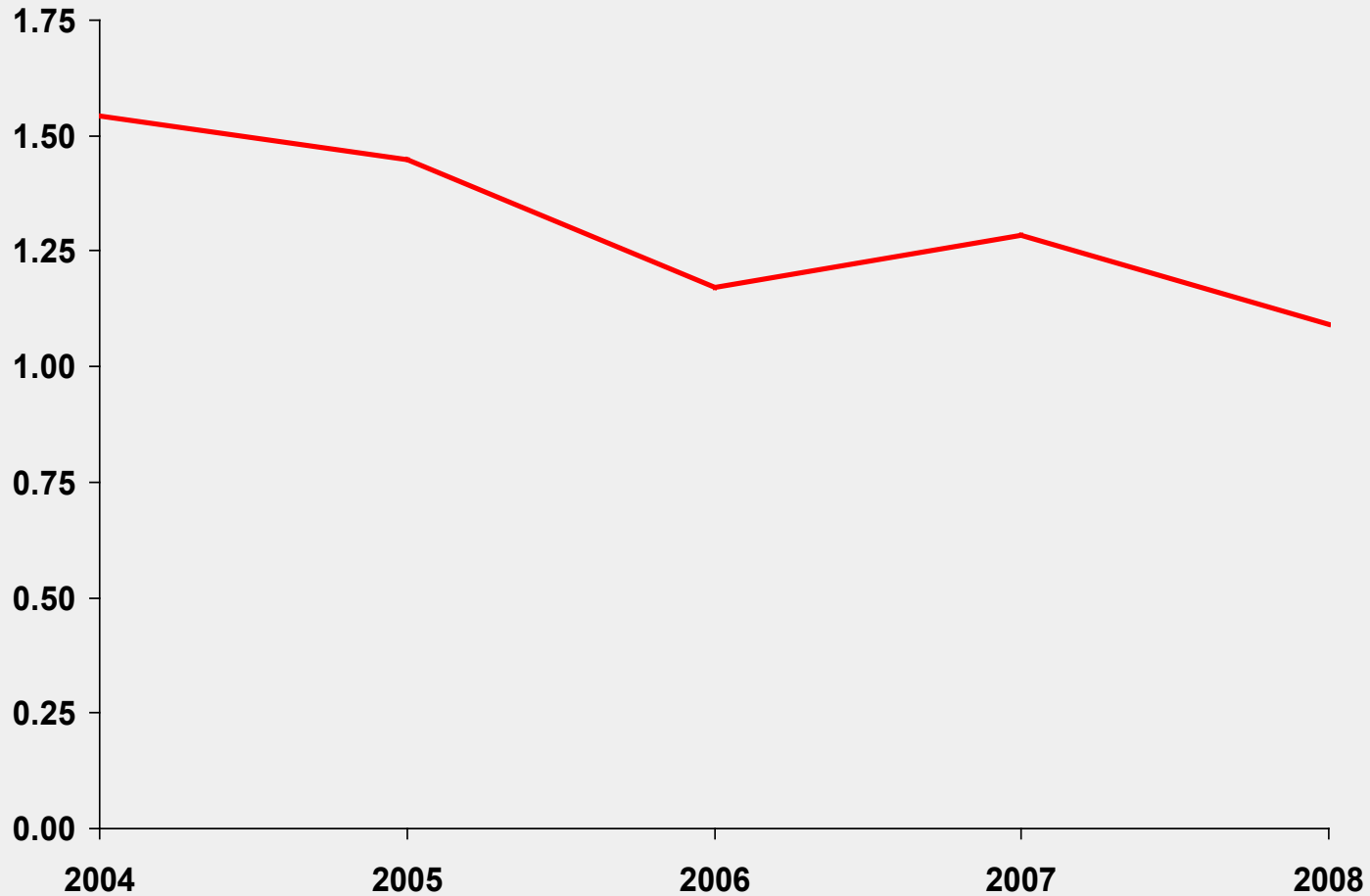
Marital Sexual Violence Victimization Rate



Romantic Partner Sexual Victimization Rate



Sexual Victimization by Strangers Rate



County Rankings - 2008

- Greenville County reported the most sexual violence victims, Darlington County had the highest sexual violence rate.
- Charleston County reported the most invasive sexual violence victims, Saluda County had the highest invasive sexual victimization rate.

County Information

For information about sexual violence in a specific county, please see the full report starting on page 95, with the counties following in alphabetical order. Each county has a three page profile consisting of sexual violence victimization trends and victim information during the 2004 to 2008 time period.

Key Findings

- Nearly all statewide indicators of sexual violence victimization declined from 2004 – 2008.
- Children, especially girls, were at a disproportionately high risk of sexual violent victimization.

Key Findings

- Children and adults are victimized at different times during the day.
- Adults are most often attacked by people they know and strangers; children are most often attacked by people they know and family members.

QUESTIONS?

- The full report, *By Force and Without Consent: A Five Year Overview of Sexual Violence in South Carolina 2004 – 2008* is available online at:
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